

## **SIEC 8OCT24 Meeting Minutes**

### **CALL TO ORDER 0900**

#### **Roll Call, Welcome and Roundtable**

- Meeting called to order by Robert Ezelle, after confirmation of a quorum.
- Robert Ezelle addressed the committee, thanking everyone for their efforts during the fire season. He also highlighted that the State will be preparing for the La Nina cycle coming this spring.
- Updates were provided by participating members
  - o Katy Myers informed the group that the APCO-NENA fall forum will be taking place in Spokane on October 15-18. The focus will be on first responder/PST mental health.
  - o Tom Wallace informed the group that the WSP decision package, previously briefed at the August meeting, has been submitted.
  - o Sheriff Blakeslee stated that Pend Orielle County is currently preparing for the election and the first responder communication implications that may come with the aftermath.
  - o Captain Johnson spoke about Project VEPG, which offers agency executives more capabilities via satellite phones
    - DFW is currently on track to have 171 commissioned officers by June 2025. Currently, staffing is 160 commissioned officers.
  - o David Mendel reminded the group that October is cybersecurity awareness month.
  - o Brandon McKinney (WFC) shared with the group a concern that for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, he has found that teams are utilizing nonpublic radio frequencies for use on all hazard incidents, which creates a potential for interference.
    - He will be presenting the current draft of the FCC letter to the board for approval of endorsement.
  - o Chris Welch informed the group that DOC has submitted a decision package that will update prison facilities that require new radio systems.
- After reviewing the minutes from the 8.13.24 meeting, the group unanimously approved the minutes.
  - o Motion made by Captain Phil Johnson.
  - o Seconded by Chris Welch.

### **OLD BUSINESS 0915**

#### **Letter from SIEC to FCC RE: 4.9GHz**

- Jon Lee explained that there have been recent edits and contributions to the FCC letter and requested that the vote to send the letter be postponed to the December meeting.
  - o Since comments are already closed, this will be an ex parte letter, and there is no deadline to send it.
  - o The most recent draft will be sent out to the committee for commentary.
- The group expressed concern about the timing of the letter delivery, and an email approval was suggested.

#### **SCIP Interim Updates**

- The group reviewed the most recent updates to the SCIP, which has been sent out to the committee.

- Regarding the Milestones section, Katy Myers inquired if there will be a 'check in' cadence for the objectives that have ongoing deadlines.
- The group unanimously voted to adopt the SCIP changes as presented and discussed.
  - o Motion made by Katy Myers.
  - o Seconded by Chris Welch.

### **SIEC Subcommittee Establishment**

- Adam Wasserman introduced a recommendation to establish three SIEC subcommittees:
  - o Technical Subcommittee (previously SAW)
  - o Strategic Planning Subcommittee
  - o Engagement and Outreach Subcommittee
- Adam informed the group that upon approval, they would be accepting volunteers for subcommittee chairs and members. He detailed that members are not limited to only voting SIEC members, and all are welcome to join.
  - o Membership is expected to be solidified by the new year.
- The group discussed guidelines on joining the committee, defining the scope of the subcommittees and how the subcommittees would work together.
- The group unanimously voted to adopt these subcommittees
  - o Motion made by Captain Phil Johnson
  - o Seconded by Anton Damm

### **Review of Membership/Vacancies**

- The group reviewed current membership and vacancies.
- Adam Wasserman proposed that since it is not required in the bylaws, the WA Department of Labor and Industries (currently vacant) will no longer hold a seat on the SIEC.
- The SIEC currently has 16 member positions and can hold up to 22 members. If any members have suggestions for new members/agencies, please send them to the State Office.

### **Review of 2025 Meeting Calendar and Meeting Times**

- The group reviewed the 2025 meeting calendar.
- The SAW calendar will be adjusted as new subcommittees are introduced.
- Robert Ezelle highlighted that future meetings should be in-person as much as possible, and Adam Wasserman asked if each agency would be willing to host a meeting in the future.
  - o Since the SIEC meetings are open to the public, the location must be accessible to the public.
  - o Chris Welch offered the DOC ELG building to host a future meeting.
- The December 2024 meeting has been moved to 0900 and will be virtual.

## **NEW BUSINESS 0956**

### **SIEC 2025 Discussion**

- Robert Ezelle addressed the group on the increasing magnitude of potential disasters, and the need for preparation.
  - o Robert reminded the group that the World Cup will take place in Washington in 2026. It will be a massive event, as will the collateral issues that may arise.

- The upcoming election season and subsequent election is contentious and poses to be a challenge.
- The Middle East conflicts pose a danger of spilling into our communities as well.
- The current cyber realm is threatened by different nations and our society needs to prepare for that.
- The group discussed the influence that all these items have on the SIEC, and agreed to create a legislative report, delivered to the state legislature in the next year.
  - The Military Department will work on a brief report highlighting interoperability concerns and will have a draft ready for the December meeting. Anyone interested in participating should contact Adam Wasserman.

### **Election/Inauguration**

- Touched on by Robert Ezelle during the SIEC 2025 Discussion

### **MIL SIEC Website**

- The SIEC website has been transferred from WaTech to MIL.
  - The old WaTech website has a redirect link to the MIL site.
- The website contains previous minutes/agendas/slides as well as the bylaws.

### **SWIC UPDATES 1022**

- Jon Lee has been elected Vice Chair of NCSWIC (National Council of Statewide Interoperability Coordinators), which presents a good opportunity to bring West Coast concerns to CISA leadership on the East Coast
  - NEXWIC will be holding its Planning, Training and Exercise meeting in Salem, Oregon in conjunction with the Iron OR exercise in the end of October. Jon Lee will be an evaluator for the exercise.
  - The NEXWIC fall meeting will take place in Orlando, FL in December, which Jon will attend.
- Jon briefed the group on the creation of a statewide MOU for frequencies around the state, which will allow different fire response agencies to utilize it during mutual aid incidents
- It is currently TA (technical assistance) season at CISA
  - The TA that will be requested from CISA will be a statewide assessment for what is being used for statewide frequencies.
- CISA is currently working on a Northern Border Communications Working Group. Jon Lee requested that any agencies that collaborate with Canadian agencies send their information over to him.
  - Spencer Bahner, Anton Damm and Christopher Lombard volunteered assistance.

### **WORLD CUP UPDATES 1027**

- Adam Wasserman explained that currently, there are various WA representatives meeting with FIFA and other host cities' planning teams in Atlanta, and he expects further World Cup updates at the conclusion of the meeting. More updates to follow at the December meeting.

### **CARRIER UPDATES 1030**

- Armada
  - Tamiko Sianen introduced herself to the group as the new POC for the SIEC and briefed the group on Armada's efforts to support interoperability.
- FirstNet
  - Kyle Abernathy explained that fire season is winding down. FirstNet is still engaging in statewide interoperability efforts, including the 'Push to Talk' technology.

- Testing and development efforts are still underway for AST mobile, which is First Net's mobile satellite partner. Beta tests are expected to start running in 2025.
- Verizon
  - Devin McCoy and Scott Lemmer explained Verizon's role in the current hurricane relief efforts and presented slides as an update on 2024 YTD WA/OR deployments, crisis response team service support model and the current WA state Verizon 5G coverage map.
- T-Mobile
  - Josh Bossie spoke on current Hurricane efforts
  - Josh announced T-Priority, which will be launched in late 2024. It is the first exclusive 5G network slice for first responders, and Josh will provide specifics at the next meeting.
    - If any agency is interested in a possible beta test, please contact Josh Bossie at [joshua.bossie@t-mobile.com](mailto:joshua.bossie@t-mobile.com).

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT 1043**

- Jon Lee will present a Spectrum Cyclone presentation at the February meeting.
- Jon Lee advised the group to make sure that they have their GETS and WPS cards, and to test them as well.

#### **ADJOURNMENT 1048**

- Next Meeting 10DEC24 0900

## MEMBER ATTENDANCE

- Robert Ezelle (MIL-EMD)
- Adam Wasserman (MIL-EMD)
- Sharon Wallace (MIL-EMD)
- Katy Myers (APCO/NENA)
- David Mendel (WaTech)
- Zach Hudgins (WaTech)
- Anton Damm (DNR)
- Brandon McKinney (WFC)
- Bruce Richter (CISA)
- Michael Grant (DFW)
- Phil Johnson (DFW)
- Matthew Modarelli (WSDOT)
- Tim McDowell (WSDOT)
- Dongho Change (WSDOT)
- Tom Wallace (WSP)
- Steven Brown (WSP)
- Richard Huisingh (WSP)
- Marc Biundo (WSP)
- Ian Moore (CISA)
- Christopher Welch (DOC)
- Spencer Bahner (City of Seattle)
- Christopher Lombard (Seattle Fire Department)
- Daniel Hypes (Chelan County PUD)
- Glenn Blakeslee (Pend Orielle County)
- Mike Worden (Okanogan County)
- Bill Tensfeld (Whitman County)
- Rafael Lucatero (LCB)
- Niki Papazoglakis
- Lauren Paolini (ATT)
- Brad Steiner (ATT)
- Kyle Abernathy (FirstNet)
- Brett Johnson (FirstNet)
- Josh Bossie (T-Mobile)
- Gary Giles (T-Mobile)
- Sianen Tamiko (Armada)
- Devan McCoy (Verizon)
- Scott Lemmer (Verizon)

### **Staff Attendance**

- Angela Knight (WaTech)
- Jon Lee (MIL-EMD)
- Michelle Kohlmann (MIL-EMD)
- Regenal Grant (MIL-EMD)

*Minutes prepared by Michelle Kohlmann*